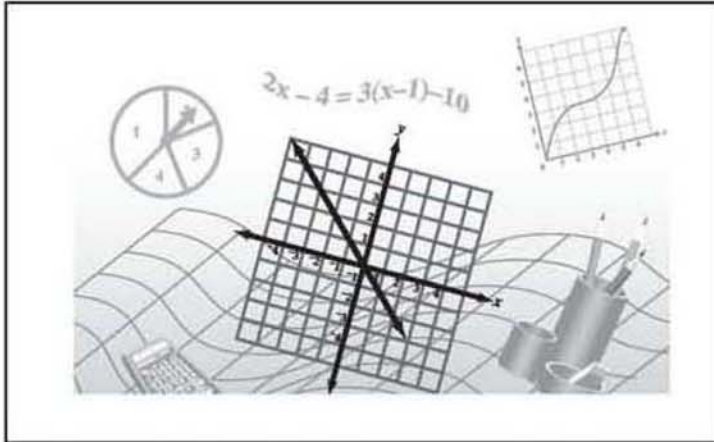


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Practice Test for

Mod-HSA Government

Welcome to the Mod-HSA Practice Test.

This sample test is designed to provide sample items and allow LEAs, Schools, and Students to review and practice samples of the types of items that will appear on the Mod-HSA Test. The items in this test are samples only, and do not cover the entire range of each content area which will be tested on the actual operational test forms.

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71 Which of these describes an authoritarian government?

- A The lives of citizens are controlled by the government.
- B Government leaders are limited by established laws.
- C The people grant the government its power.

72 Why do local governments create zoning laws?

- A to increase environmental awareness
- B to encourage businesses and citizens to recycle more goods
- C to control the use of buildings and land within a community

73 Read the excerpt below.

“After [dividing] the several classes of power, as they may in their nature be legislative, executive, or judiciary, the next and most difficult task is to provide some practical security for each, against the invasion of the others.”

—*The Federalist, Number 48*

Which of these principles of government is described in the excerpt?

- A** due process
- B** checks and balances
- C** representative democracy

74 Which of these is a characteristic of a market economy?

- A limited business rights
- B competition between businesses
- C government ownership of businesses

- 75** The Supreme Court ruled that the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), an all-male college, has to admit women who meet the requirements.

Which of these statements explains the reason for the decision in this case?

- A Colleges cannot discriminate on the basis of gender.
- B Colleges cannot discriminate based on physical ability.
- C Colleges must admit a majority of the people who apply for admission.

- 76** In 2002, the United States Supreme Court ruled that cities may set rules for protests in public parks.

Which of these influenced this Supreme Court decision?

- A maintaining order
- B providing public services
- C promoting economic stability

- 77** Federal and state officials combine efforts to preserve animal habitats in wilderness areas.

Which of these statements is supported by this information?

- A** Wildlife protection is mainly a responsibility of private organizations.
- B** Wildlife regulations issued by the state take priority over federal regulations.
- C** The federal government shares responsibility with the states for protecting wildlife.

78 Why is the United States a member of the United Nations (UN)?

- A to promote world peace
- B to eliminate trade barriers
- C to establish a military alliance

- 79** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that television stations air three hours of children's programming per week.

What is the benefit of this requirement?

- A to limit advertisements during television programs
- B to encourage censorship of media programming
- C to promote educational opportunities for young students

80 Which of these is a responsibility of the Federal Reserve?

- A lending money to individuals
- B controlling the money supply
- C approving government budgets

81 Study the political cartoon below.



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EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

What Maryland issue is most directly addressed in this cartoon?

- A improving water quality
- B determining traffic patterns
- C informing residents of crime rates

82 How were the accused person's rights violated in *Gideon v. Wainwright*?

- A He was convicted with illegally obtained evidence.
- B He was arrested without being informed of his legal rights.
- C He was denied a court-appointed attorney to represent him.

83 Which of these is the goal of affirmative action programs?

- A to increase the numbers of minorities hired
- B to give workers the right to join unions
- C to cut taxes for individual companies

- 84** A local government decided to fund a new school project instead of expanding trash pickup on highways.

Which of these is an opportunity cost of this decision?

- A tax revenue
- B a cleaner environment
- C jobs for local residents

85 Read the excerpt below.

“No freeman [person] shall be taken or imprisoned, . . . unless by the lawful judgment of his peers. . . .”

—*Magna Carta*, 1215

Which of these constitutional principles is described in the excerpt?

- A** Government leaders are chosen by the people.
- B** Citizens will receive a fair price for land taken for public use.
- C** Citizens accused of crimes will be heard by an impartial jury.

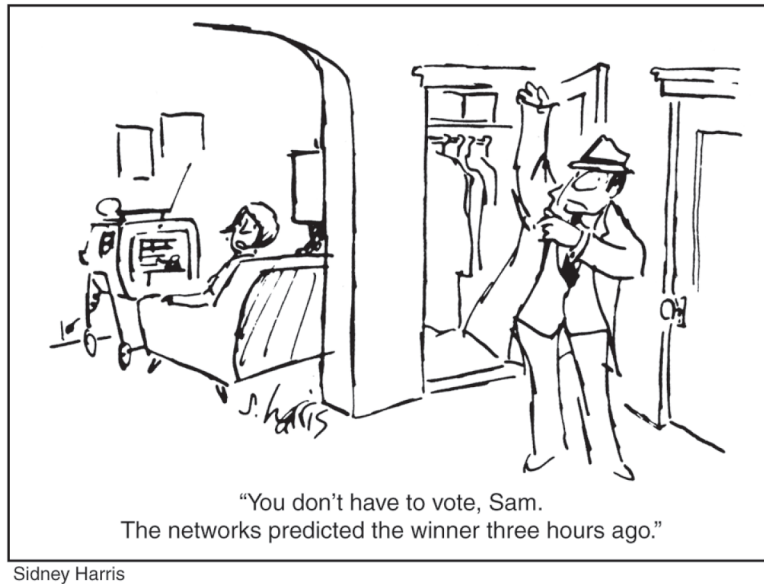
86 What changes cause reapportionment?

- A changes in the wealth of a state
- B changes in the population of a state
- C changes in the boundaries of a state

87 Which of these is required before police can obtain a search warrant?

- A indictment by a grand jury
- B probable cause linking the person to the crime
- C reasonable doubt that no other person is responsible

88 Study the political cartoon below.



With which statement would the cartoonist most likely agree?

- A The media should stop covering elections.
- B Voters should be aware of voting trends on election day.
- C The media should wait until all polls close before projecting winners.

89 Which of these was the main purpose of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

- A to weaken the economies of Mexico and Canada
- B to encourage companies in Mexico and Canada to move
- C to open markets between the United States, Mexico, and Canada

90 For which of these does a lobbyist most likely work?

A a state legislature

B an appeals court

C an interest group

91 Which of these is a power held by the states?

- A coining money
- B establishing public schools
- C making treaties with foreign countries

92 What action could the Governor take in a natural disaster?

- A call in the national guard to maintain order
- B take private property to house troops
- C suspend the civil rights of citizens

93 Which of these actions best describes regional cooperation?

- A The state funds public libraries.
- B Maryland increases pay for state employees.
- C State governors meet to discuss interstate highways.

94 What was the Supreme Court's decision in the case *McCulloch v. Maryland*?

- A States cannot tax the federal government.
- B States have power if all the states agree.
- C States must approve laws passed by Congress.

95 Read the headline below.

**U.S. CONTINUES ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA**

Which of these is most likely a goal of the sanctions against Cuba?

- A** to obtain military intelligence about Cuba
- B** to encourage Cuba to change its policies
- C** to eliminate immigration from Cuba

96 Which of these is a role of regulatory agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?

- A to protect the safety of citizens
- B to set up worker training programs
- C to make rules about campaigns for public office

97 What is a role of a political party?

- A to enforce public policy
- B to determine election results
- C to nominate candidates for office

98 Study the chart below.

**PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION FROM 1990 TO 2000
IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION**

Region	Percent Increase
Calvert County	45.1%
Frederick County	30.0%
Howard County	32.3%

Source: United States Census Bureau

Which of these is an effect of the population changes shown on the chart?

- A** The amount of rural land will increase.
- B** Local government services will increase.
- C** Real estate development in the region will decrease.

99 The United States legal system requires that people accused of crimes be

- A informed of the charges against them
- B responsible for proving their innocence
- C given money if they are found to be innocent